

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 187

By Maggart

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I, of the  
Constitution of Tennessee, relative to abortion.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as  
shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, of the  
Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new,  
appropriately designated section:

Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the  
funding of an abortion. The people retain the right through their elected state  
representatives and state senators to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding  
abortion, including, but not limited to, circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or  
incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the  
Constitution of the State of Tennessee the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted  
to the people at the next general election in which a governor is to be chosen, the same being  
the 2014 November general election, and the secretary of state is directed to place such  
proposed amendment on the ballot for that election.